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Pretty Shirt Waist Sets in pearl, gold and enamel at 12, 25, 40c and set—all the latest novel ties.

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\$1.25 Black Figured Brilliantine Dress Skirts, new styles, 4 yards wide, good lining and binding.

\$1.50, 1.95, 2.75, 3.45, 5.75, 5.99. Our skirt section offers rare values in Brilliantines, serges, Jacquards, Bayaderes, Satins and Silks. See our skirts before buying.

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At 10c a yard, late arrival of colored dress ducks in black, tan, navy and cadet blue, green and red.

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Just opened a large shipment of Ladies' Wrappers in a new, new line of Prints, Percales and Chambrays—priced very low, 40c, 50c and 95c.

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The First Expedition Ready to Sail From San Francisco at a Moment's Notice

UNDER COMMAND OF GEN. ANDERSON.

The Expedition is Composed of Two Thousand Five Hundred Men On Three Vessels.

Among Them Are Five Companies of the 14th United States Infantry, and One Battery of 50 Heavy Artillery, Under Capt. Terry.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The first Manila expedition is now ready at a moment's notice though it is not expected to sail until Wednesday. It comprises 2,500 men under the immediate command of Maj. Gen. Anderson, whose headquarters are on the Australia, which is lying in the stream Tuesday night in close proximity to the City of Peking and City of Sidney. When the last soldier had embarked and the vessels drew from away from the dock all the bells and whistles announced the God speed of all the boys of San Francisco.

On the City of Peking is the 1st Col.

CAMP ALGER.

The Volunteers Now There Being Formed Into Divisions and Brigades Under Command of Gen. Graham.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Gen. Graham Tuesday issued an order organizing the troops at Camp Alger into divisions and brigades as follows: First Division—First New Jersey, 2d Ohio, 65th New York, 6th Illinois, 6th Massachusetts, 8th Ohio, 13th Pennsylvania, 12th Pennsylvania, 8th Pennsylvania. Brig. Gen. Francis L. Gunther, United States volunteers, is assigned to command the 1st division.

1st Brigade—First New York, 7th Ohio volunteer infantry and 65th New York, to be commanded by Col. E. A. Campbell, first lieutenant, New Jersey.

2d Brigade—Second Illinois, 6th Massachusetts, 8th Ohio, Col. J. D. Foster, of Ohio, commanding.

3d Brigade—Twelfth Pennsylvania, 13th Pennsylvania, 5th Pennsylvania, Col. H. A. Courson, 13th Pennsylvania, commanding.

The 139th Indiana, 6th Pennsylvania and 9th Ohio will until further orders remain unattached and report direct to corps headquarters. Two troops of cavalry from Brooklyn and New York City were ordered to report at headquarters to perform such special duty as may be assigned them by the major general commanding.

Maj. E. Vollrath, 8th Ohio, has been appointed provost marshal.

Charles P. Menoher, adjutant 6th artillery, has been ordered to Fort McHenry.

CERVERA BOTTLED

Government Officials Have Trustworthy Information That His Fleet is at Santiago.

HEMMEED IN BY COMMODORE SCHLEY.

Owing to the Peculiar Situation of the Harbor Our Gunboats Can Easily Hold Him.

They Will Blockade the Mouth of the Harbor While the Squadrons of Schley and Sampson Can Attend to the Cadz Fleet.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—There seems to be no longer any doubt that the Spanish fleet, now in Santiago harbor, is hemmed in by Commodore Schley's squadron, and that their escape is almost, if not quite, impossible. Members of the cabinet are exultant over Wednesday's news, and although they are not willing to make public the source of their information, they regard it as perfectly trustworthy. They are not willing to state the exact position of Sampson's fleet, but do say that it is acting in concert with Schley and can come to his relief at any time should the situation require it. The published report that another and more formidable fleet is en route from Cadiz to the relief of the imprisoned squadron is not credited by members of the administration, but should this prove to be the fact the move would be welcomed by our naval authorities, as it would certainly result, it is said, in the destruction of the two fleets instead of one. It is authoritatively stated that the situation of the Santiago harbor is such that our gunboats, which are available for the purpose, could successfully prevent the escape of the Spaniards, thus relieving a considerable part of both Sampson's and Schley's fleets for operations elsewhere.

Members of the administration regard the present situation as most favorable for our cause and do not doubt that in a very short space of time the Spanish fleet will be utterly destroyed, and active operations begun against Havana and Cuba by both our military and naval forces. The safe arrival of the Oregon at Jupiter inlet, Fla., is spoken of with great satisfaction by members of the cabinet. Capt. Clark, in his message to the secretary of the navy, reports his safe arrival there and says that he is in condition for immediate active operations at the front. Taken altogether, the news of the day is highly satisfactory, and it is confidently expected that should the Spaniard attempt to force a passage to sea, the news of the total destruction of his fleet may be expected at any time.

The harbor of Santiago is probably one of the best protected in the world. The entrance is between two high bluffs little more than a stone's throw apart, with the eastern hill crowned with an antiquated stone structure known as Morro castle. For nearly a mile the channel is very narrow and from Morro castle to Fort Catalina, a distance of one-quarter of a mile, it is hardly more than 300 feet wide. At one point the incoming and outgoing steamers are compelled to hug a buoy very closely so that only one ship can pass at a time. It is in fact a water pass of Thermopylae and a few Spanish spartans on the inside could protect it against a large and formidable force endeavoring to gain entrance. The channel then swings for a mile to the north-west around Gorda point and after turning at a sharp angle vessels are compelled to travel through another long and narrow channel before reaching the large basin of water which forms the harbor proper, and at the end of which the city of Santiago is situated. It is nearly five miles from the ocean through these tortuous and narrow channels to the city. This is a very different condition of affairs from that which existed at Manila, where Adm. Dewey sailed into a bay that is practically a part of the ocean. Manila bay at some points is 25 miles wide, affording ample room for the maneuvers which Adm. Dewey executed with such success while pounding the Cavite arsenal into ruins. The basin of Santiago harbor is about two miles long and the distance from shore to shore is less than a mile at its widest point.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 25.—There is nothing definitely known here about the possible operations in eastern Cuba, but the view is accepted at this place as a fact that the Spanish fleet is blockaded in Santiago harbor in which event the naval opinion here is that the Spanish fleet has "committed suicide."

It is now no breach of confidence to say that Commodore Schley and R. Adm. Sampson are believed to have Adm. Cervera in their reach, and if the Spaniards are in Santiago harbor they can be blockaded and starved out. A single heavy American vessel can hold the harbor's narrow exit, through which the Spaniards could emerge only singly. The Spanish fleet is very fast but it is not composed of heavily armored vessels.

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American Insurance Companies to Care for Policy Holders During the War.

President Thomas H. Bowles, of the National Association of Life Underwriters, has issued a letter to the presidents of all the life insurance companies in the United States in regard to the establishment of cooperative hospital service between the American life insurance companies for the benefit of policy holders who are taking part in the present conflict between the United States and Spain. The letter in part is as follows:

"In the line of progress and scientific development, that has so marked the history of the American life insurance companies of to-day, it would appear only natural and proper that the scope of their usefulness should be extended at this time in a patriotic effort to give care and protection to those of their policy holders who may be called to battle, in providing a hospital service for those who may become sick and wounded. While the government will provide such service, as far as possible, the insurance companies can offer valuable aid in looking after those of their own holders. In the event of an extended war in Cuba, it might be decided to locate a hospital at Key West and one on the island of Cuba. Buildings more or less suitable for this purpose could be rented, and with slight modifications be made available for the sick. This hospital service could also be made a bureau for the companies in preparing death-proof papers and paying claims, in all cases of death among the policy holders—a convenience at once for the companies and for the beneficiaries of the insured."

The letter is for the purpose of bringing attention of the various insurance companies to the subject prior to a meeting to be held in New York on a later day, at which action will be taken on the question.

First Pension of the Spanish-American War.

CHICAGO, May 25.—Jonathan Merriam, the United States pension agent at Chicago, issued the first pension voucher of the war with Spain. It is for Mrs. Elsie A. Montfort, of Council Bluffs, Ia., mother of Seaman William Montfort, who was a victim of the Maine explosion in Havana harbor, February 15.

England Well Pleased.

LONDON, May 25.—The morning papers here give prominence to dispatches from the United States telling of the celebrations in honor of the queen's birthday. The Daily News says: "Certainly some opportunity should be given to reciprocate these demonstrations of good will. This will naturally occur on the Fourth of July."

Bernadou is Better.

KEY WEST, Fla., May 25.—Lieut. Bernadou, commander of the torpedo boat Winslow, who was injured by an exploding shell in the battle of Cardenas, is out of the hospital.

KENT, THE ARCHITECT

Office 541 Putnam St.



"These two great nations understand each other better than they have done since, over a century ago, they were separated by the blunders of a British government."—Joseph Chamberlain's Speech.

Oregon volunteers, Col. Smith commanding, they number 1,085 men and include the pick of the youth of this city.

The troops which embarked Tuesday numbered nearly 1,400. They comprised five companies of the 14th United States infantry, the 2d regiment of Oregon volunteers and a detachment of heavy artillery, Capt. Murphy, senior captain in the 3d battalion of the 14th infantry, comprising these companies: Company A, Capt. Eastman; C, Lieut. Biggle; D, Lieut. Lasgn, in command; E, Capt. Miles; F, Capt. Murphy. There is an average of 70 men to the company or 350 men, and the regimental band of 30 pieces.

The last of the troops to proceed from the camp to the steamer was the battery of 50 heavy artillery under Capt. Gary. They are on the City Sydney.

Tuesday night the bay was alive with small craft. All the vessels in the harbor, as well as the buildings along the water front, are brilliantly illuminated. Martial music comes from the big transports, which in a few hours will be on their way to aid Adm. Dewey, and the last good-byes are being said.

The Oregon Arrives at Jupiter Inlet. WASHINGTON, May 25.—Secretary Long has received an official dispatch announcing the arrival of the battle ship Oregon in Jupiter Inlet, Fla. Her safe arrival in the inlet was reported immediately to the president.

The Oregon left Mare Island, Cal., 13,000 miles away from Jupiter, on March 19, so she has averaged 300 miles a day for 63 days. As a matter of fact the vessel has made much better speed, for a good many days were lost in taking coal at the South American ports, and again by her long detour to reach Florida after having left Bahia, Brazil.

Lieut. Sabral Arrested. NEW YORK, May 25.—A special from Key West says that the man arrested Tuesday on board the steamer Pinnama, on suspicion of being a Spanish spy, is Lieut. Sabral, formerly naval attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington.

Export Record Broken. NEW YORK, May 25.—The exports of general merchandise from New York for the week ending Wednesday were valued at \$12,149,837. The total this week is the largest on record. The heaviest part of the exports represent grain shipments abroad.

Soldier Train Wrecked. CAMP TANNER, SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 25.—Word was received here that a Chicago & Alton train, on which were officers of the 1st regiment of cavalry, was wrecked at Pontiac Wednesday morning. No particulars are at hand.

The latest arrivals at camp were the two troops of cavalry from New York and Brooklyn which reached camp at 3 a. m. Wednesday morning.

Spy Arrested—Soldier Drowned. TAMPA, Fla., May 25.—An American by the name of Frank Miller, supposed to be from Cincinnati, has been arrested by detectives charged with being a Spanish spy. The prisoner is in jail. George T. Wetzel, private of Troop D, Sixth United States cavalry, was drowned while bathing in Hillsborough river. The body was recovered. This is the first casualty that has occurred since troops have been encamped at Tampa. If the soldiers shall remain here a month longer they will be prepared to enter the tropics without danger.

A Thankful Volunteer. SAN FRANCISCO, May 25.—The youngest volunteer of the present campaign has come to the front. He is Douglas Dodge, aged seven years, and he was found securely stowed away on the City of Sydney. When the young warrior was put aboard a tug to go ashore, he fought stubbornly the big deck hand who had him in charge, still strong in his determination to go with the soldiers, who gave him three hearty cheers.

Mrs. Judge Crumpacker Dead. ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 25.—Margaret E. Crumpacker, aged 45, wife of J. A. Crumpacker, circuit court judge and associate justice of the territorial supreme court, is dead after an illness lasting several months. Mrs. Crumpacker came here from La Porte, Ind., with her husband, last December, when he received the appointment to the judgeship from President McKinley. The remains have been sent to La Porte for burial.

The 69th New York in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI, May 25.—One of the warmest receptions given to the soldiers passing through Cincinnati en route to the south was given the 69th regiment of New York on arrival at Cincinnati Wednesday evening. The Irish and Irish-American citizens look on the 69th as an Irish organization. A procession was formed at the Builders' Exchange at 5 o'clock and with a band at its head marched to the depot.

Y. M. C. A. on the Field. SPRINGFIELD, O., May 25.—Will Breyfogle, formerly assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will leave Thursday for Chickamauga to take charge of one of the association tents. F. J. Stewart, of Piqua, will assist in the work.

Never Touched Him. YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 25.—Monday night Nip Baint, of this city, jumped from the top of the East Federal street bridge to the river below, a distance of 60 feet, and escaped uninjured.

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BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

Canton Minister's Protest. CANTON, O., May 25.—The Canton Ministerial association Tuesday sent to Secretary of War Alger a copy of resolutions passed by the association protesting against allowing the sale of intoxicating liquor to the United States soldier boys now in the various camps. It is signed by a committee appointed by the association, the chairman being Rev. Dr. Manchester, President McKinley's comrade in arms, and states that they freely gave their sons to defend the country, but requests the government to use every effort to protect them from the evils of intemperance.

Hazing Said to Have Ceased Death. AKRON, O., May 25.—Hazing caused the death of Herbert B. Knowles, one of the brightest young business men in Akron. He died suddenly Monday and a post mortem was held. It was found that Knowles' heart was filled with a membranous deposit. A large tumor had formed near the spleen. It burst, and death ensued. Knowles was the victim of a terrible hazing while in school, and the physicians agree that this caused the peculiar condition of the heart and the tumor.

Dutch Count Enlists as a Private. CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—Eugene von Waldeck, who bears the title of count in the nobility of Holland, enlisted in the regular army Tuesday as private. He is only 25 years of age, belongs to a distinguished military family and has been in the service ever since his twelfth year, when he was sent to a military training school. He served as sergeant major in the Dutch army and then went to Germany and entered the service with the rank of first lieutenant.

War News Kills P.H.M. POMEROY, O., May 25.—George Black, an aged colored veteran of the civil war, dropped dead Tuesday night. He was afflicted with heart trouble and the news of Sampson's alleged victory so affected him that he smiled peacefully and dropped to the floor dead.

Gordon for Congress. WAPAKONETA, O., May 25.—In the nomination for congressman for the Fourth congressional district, composed of Allen, Auglaize, Mercer, Darke and Shelby counties, R. B. Gordon, of Auglaize, captured the prize on the fourth ballot. Geo. A. Marshall, of Shelby county, was the former incumbent for one term, but dissatisfaction existed in all the aforesaid counties, hence Marshall's defeat.

First One Under the New Law. COLUMBUS, O., May 25.—Angelo del Bello, an Italian, was brought to the penitentiary Tuesday to stay for life, on the charge of murder in the first degree. He is the first man to be sentenced for life under the new law, which places the life of a murderer wholly in the hands of the jury. He killed the six-year-old son of a Mrs. Fernando, for whom he worked in Coalburg, Trumbull county.

Their Bodies Recovered. CLEVELAND, O., May 25.—The bodies of Joseph Cerva and Joseph Backavar were recovered from the river Tuesday. Last Saturday the two men, in company with Frank Dasek, were using dynamite, it is alleged, to kill fish in the river, when they were discovered by an officer. In their endeavor to escape arrest Cerva and Backavar jumped into the river and tried to swim across, but both were drowned.

Railroad Ordered Sold. CINCINNATI, May 25.—In the United States circuit court for the southern district of Ohio Tuesday, Judge Lorton entered a decree for the sale of the Columbus, Hooking Valley & Toledo railroad. The road has been in the hands of a receiver, Mr. Monserat, for several years, and is in a generally embarrassed financial condition and the order of sale has been expected for some months past.

Henry S. Foraker's Funeral. HILLSBORO, O., May 25.—The funeral services of Henry S. Foraker occurred at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon, the building being crowded to its utmost capacity by the immense crowd in attendance. The services were conducted by Presiding Elder Pearne and Rev. McHugh, of Cincinnati.